

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete, marked-up listing of revised claims with a status identifier in parenthesis, underlined text indicating insertions, and strike through and/or double-bracketed text indicating deletions.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A method for a clinical study, in which an occurrence of an event during the study elicits collaboration between responsible study personnel, the collaboration being an exchange of at least one of opinions, agreements, knowledge and findings, the exchange being at least one of written, verbal and electronic, the method comprising:

receiving the event at a collaboration system, the collaboration system being at least one of an electronic data processing system and a communications system;

identifying, via the collaboration system and on the basis of parameters assigned to the event, a group of responsible study personnel needed for the collaboration;

providing, via the collaboration system, a communications platform for the group to undertake the collaboration; and

checking, via the collaboration system, the collaboration on the basis of verification criteria.

2. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the collaboration system, as a communications platform, provides a central information bus and provides each responsible study personnel member of the group with an information channel to the information bus.

3. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the collaboration system,

ascertains, using the parameters assigned to the event, available data needed for collaboration that are in at least one of a database containing medical knowledge and a study database,

extracts the data from the database, and

makes the data available to the group on the communications platform.

4. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the collaboration system, using the parameters assigned to the event, establishes a content or time framework for the collaboration and communicates this to the group.

5. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the collaboration system uses at least one of content and time framework as a verification criterion and, when the collaboration is over, checks compliance with the verification criteria.

6. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a person who was not involved in the study prior to the occurrence of the event is included in the study and in the group, as a responsible personnel member.
7. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the event is a prompt for collaboration which is defined within the framework of the study.
8. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the event is an unforeseeable event arising during the study.
9. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the event is found by a monitoring system combing through the study database data for anything striking.
10. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the collaboration is documented.
11. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the collaboration is archived.
12. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the collaboration system,

ascertains, using the parameters assigned to the event, available data needed for collaboration that are in at least one of a database containing medical knowledge and a study database, extracts the data from the database, and makes the data available to the group on the communications platform.

13. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the collaboration system, using the parameters assigned to the event, establishes a content or time framework for the collaboration and communicates this to the group.

14. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the collaboration system, using the parameters assigned to the event, establishes a content or time framework for the collaboration and communicates this to the group.

15. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the event is a prompt for collaboration which is defined within the framework of the study.

16. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the event is an unforeseeable event arising during the study.

17. (Cancelled).

18. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein
 - the collaboration system includes a collaboration module configured to perform the receiving step;
 - the collaboration system includes a communication module configured to perform the providing step; and
 - the collaboration system includes a monitoring module configured to perform the checking step.

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